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Rep. Stripp: Homeland Security Grants Okayed for 135th District Towns



Federal homeland security and anti-terrorism grants will be provided to Easton, Redding and Weston within the next few weeks, state Representative John E. Stripp, R-135th District, announced today.

The grants, which will be used to strengthen state, local and regional efforts to prevent, respond to and recover from terrorism-related chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive incidents, as well as cyber attacks and natural disasters, come from a \$24,080,428 federal homeland security grant the state received recently, Representative Stripp said.

About \$16.9 million of the funding is earmarked for distribution to Connecticut's cities and towns for planning and operations, including communications, medical reserves and regional response teams for hazardous materials and bombs. The remaining funds will support state programs and be administered by the state's new Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS), Representative Stripp said.

"Although towns like Redding, Easton or Weston are unlikely to be targeted by terrorists, we do live near the New York metropolitan area and could suffer collateral damage if a weapon of mass destruction were detonated in the city. As long as international terrorism remains a threat to the United States, New York City will continue to be one of its highest-priority targets. These grants will enable our emergency and public safety agencies to obtain the training and equipment they need to minimize casualties and save lives in the event of a terrorist attack or a natural disaster," Representative Stripp said.

Homeland Security and Terrorism Prevention grants awarded to 135th District towns include:

- Easton: \$32,577
- Redding: \$34,044
- Weston: \$38,748